



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Kerry Trammell, Chair  
Site Specific Advisory Board  
DOE Information Center  
475 Oak Ridge Turnpike  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Trammell:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerry".

On behalf of the entire Department of Energy (DOE) and particularly the Office of Environmental Management (EM), I extend my sincere congratulations to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (OR SSAB) and its Stewardship Committee on being awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 Citizen's Excellence in Community Involvement Award.

This is a major achievement on a national scale. The Environmental Protection Agency's recognition of your work validates what we in EM have known for years – the OR SSAB and its committees are committed to much more than providing advice and recommendations on the EM program. OR SSAB is dedicated to educating and serving the public on the issues of environmental cleanup and waste disposition.

The award recognized two key accomplishments: the Stewardship Education Resource Kit and the process for tracking contaminated land to protect the environment and future generations. Both of these efforts required a level of effort and a certainty of purpose that demonstrate the Board's outstanding commitment to DOE and the community.

Creation of the Stewardship Education Resource Kit was a particularly monumental feat that required an extraordinary number of hours of work over the course of three years. It improves as a valuable teaching tool as you continue to refine it, provide guidance to teachers on its use, and make it available to area high schools.




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This award is a well-deserved recognition of the excellent work and service the OR SSAB and its committees have provided to EM since its founding more than 10 years ago. I am extremely proud of the work you do.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

  
James A. Rispoli  
Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management